

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: A. KUROKAWA et al  
Serial No. 09/639,754  
Filed: August 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2823  
Examiner: S. Brairton  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
FABRICATING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 1, before the first line of the specification please insert the sentence --This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/639,754 filed August 15, 2000.--.

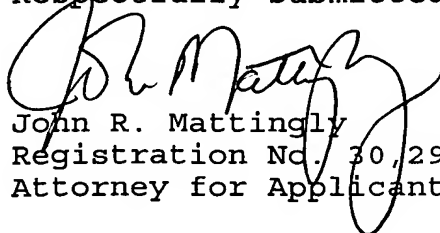
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-15.

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 17 are pending. Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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